

At the beginning of a new year it is well to stop in our career and calmly review the past. We can easily recall not only the many mistakes we have made, but also the opportunities we have missed. We can learn wherein we have erred, and what were the occasions and causes of our errors. To all of us the past has many useful lessons to teach, if we will only take time to consider the subject in its true meaning, and resolve to rectify the faults of the past by making noble resolutions for the future, and by endeavoring to keep them. The past year has brought prosperity and happiness to many, while on the other hand it has brought affliction, sadness and suffering to others. But whether it has brought us prosperity or affliction, we should thank our Lord for sending us what He thinks proper for us, and bow in submission to his Holy will. We are all one year nearer to our graves, and therefore should be preparing to give an account of our stewardship, for we know not the day nor the hour when we will receive the summons to leave this world and meet our Judge. Let us now live as we would like to be found when we are called away from here. To live thus would indeed bring us that happiness which is the burden of the new year's wishes—A happy New Year! It is the wish of friend to friend, it is God's wish to each one of us. But what is happiness? Men call worldly pleasures by the name of happiness, but when do such pleasures bring lasting contentment?

Some seek happiness in wealth, but are the rich truly happy? Ask them and you will find many a heart burning with sore disappointment. "We are created for God, and our heart will not find rest until it rests in Him," says St. Augustine. Let us seek, then, our happiness in Him.

May the old year of sin and foolish-

ness and vanity be buried, and a new year of grace and love and happiness take its place. A new year, a Happy, Happy New Year to all our friends!

An old story, but one which will bear repetition is that of O'Connell and the Dublin cabby. The Liberator was paying him with the usual fee, half a crown, when, quick as thought he had his coat over his horse's head. O'Connell was astonished, and asked the reason, "Well, be the powers above," said the driver, "if the poor baste saw the great Dan O'Connell paying me with a half-crown, he'd smash the car into smithereens." The coveted half-sovereign then came forth.

"Jamie," called his mother, sharply, "you've been loafing all day. Satan always finds some work for idle hands to do. Take this basket and bring in some kindling." Then Jamie laughed.

St. Bonaventure has left on record a wonderful prayer in these few words: "Grant me the fortitude to endure with resignation the daily martyrdom of private life."

Most men, however limited their imagination, are prone to idealize themselves; for self-idealization, in some degree, is necessary to preserve many of us from self-contempt.

Many women who have accepted demigods discover that they have married demijohns.

Now that election is over, do as much for God as you did for your favorite candidate.

As you do for the Holy Souls now, so will some friend do for you when the hand of the Lord is heavy on you.